

Pre-Launch Worship Gathering

October 24th, 2010

Lighthouse Mission

We are a community in and through which people from every race and culture will encounter Jesus, be transformed by His presence, and live out their missional purpose in the world.

Lighthouse Vision

To see Long Island completely transformed
by the Gospel



Lighthouse Values

- ▶ Grace and Truth
- ▶ Faith Filled Dependence
- ▶ Priesthood of the Believer
- ▶ Plural Leadership
- ▶ Wholistic Outlook
- ▶ Ethnic Inclusivity
- ▶ Innovation

Lighthouse Strategy

Pre-Launch Worship Gatherings

Important Because:

- ▶ We learn from expository lessons from the Bible
- ▶ We grow through corporate worship and Communion together
- ▶ Allows us to work out “kinks” and add needed elements as we build our team. Thus “pre-launch”
- ▶ Format conducive to be a “front door” for many

Lighthouse Strategy

Life Groups (Have not yet started)

Important Because:

- ▶ They allow more participation through discussion, interaction and prayer
- ▶ The format is more conducive to building relationships and meeting one another's spiritual needs
- ▶ They provide the best venue to train and develop leaders
- ▶ They are the most effective place to encourage and engage in missional living
- ▶ Vision is to have life group leaders primary spiritual leader for members

Lighthouse Strategy

Leadership Training (Have not yet started)

Important Because:

- ▶ Long Island's greatest need is trained, gracious, Biblically literate men and woman who will lead in the kingdom.

Obstacles

- ▶ Justin works full-time, so he is less available
- ▶ John is bi-vocational: Work time divided between fund raising, “tent-making” and leading the church. Working towards less tent-making!
- ▶ “Pre-launch” worship gatherings require a large share of leadership’s available time.
 - Leaves little time for:
 - Networking with potential launch team members and partnering churches
 - Discipling launch team members
 - Leadership development
 - Starting Life Groups

Challenge

- We need to find a way to progress forward in our strategy using the resources that God has made available.



Solution

Alternate Sundays, even date Sundays to be
Pre-Launch Worship Gatherings; odd date
Sundays to be a Life Group



Advantages

- ▶ Frees up time for leadership to focus on pre-launch priorities
- ▶ Builds relationships in our body
- ▶ Encouraging and refreshing
- ▶ Gives another kind of venue to which to invite friends
- ▶ Helps us to be more missional
- ▶ Moves us forward in our launch strategy

Format of our Life Group

- ▶ At the Executive Inn, 10:30 AM, Childcare provided
- ▶ More relational, chairs in a circle, less formal
- ▶ Simple worship, and Communion
- ▶ Discussion oriented lessons focused on spiritual growth and helping us to become a Gospel centered community. No homework necessary.
- ▶ Also very welcoming and relevant to guests, especially those who don't yet follow Jesus.
- ▶ Extends beyond borders of this room

Plan

- ▶ Next week, October 31st, will be Pre-Launch Worship Gathering. Finish “Grace in The Desert” with entrance into the Promise Land!
- ▶ Rotation starts Nov 7th with our Life Group
- ▶ Start Life Group with “The Gospel-Centered Life” by World Harvest Mission.
- ▶ Start an expository series in a New Testament book in Pre-launch worship gatherings.
- ▶ Continue until we have grown enough to multiply and move Life Groups to evenings.

